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SUBJECT: MOBUTU PLAN IN THE WAKE OF THE SHABA INVASION

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1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALFRED CAHEN TOLD US THAT  
PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS TOLD PRESIDENT MOBUTU DURING  
THE COURSE OF THEIR MAY 24 MEETING IN PARIS (REFTEL A)  
THAT BELGIUM PLANS TO GO FORWARD WITH INTENDED MOBUTU  
PLAN SCENARIO AND TO CONVENE AS SCHEDULED THE JUNE  
13-14 BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL WORKING-LEVEL MEETING  
ON THE MOBUBU PLAN. CAHEN SAID THAT MOBUTU WAS PLEASED  
BELGIUM PLANS TO PROCEED AND TOLD TINDEMANS THAT  
ZAIRIAN EXPERTS WOULD GO TO BRUSSELS JUNE 4 TO WORK  
ON MOBUTU PLAN DRAFT TO BE PRESENTED AT THE  
INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

2. CAHEN TOLD US THAT HE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN IN  
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BRUSSELS BUT THAT HIS DEPUTY, ANDRE ONKELINX, WOULD  
ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET TO THE UNITED  
STATES AND WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SIMONET'S MAY 29  
MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AS WELL AS IN ALL OF SIMONET'S  
OFFICIAL EVENTS IN THE U.S., INCLUDING THE NATO SUMMIT  
AND THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

3. ONKELINX TOLD US HE WILL CALL ON OFFICIALS OF THE WORLD BANK AND IMF MORNING OF MAY 29 IN ORDER TO DISCUSS MOBUTU PLAN AND ALSO WILL TALK WITH IMF'S BORNEMAN ABOUT HIS RECENT IMF NEGOTIATIONS IN KINSHASA. ONKELINX SAID THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK MEETING FOR HIM WITH AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANNON WALKER THAT SAME MORNING TO REVIEW ENTIRE MOBUTU PLAN STRATEGY AND SCENARIO.

4. COMMENT: DURING SHABA INVASION THE SMALL BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN UNDERMANNED AND OVERWORKED, WITH CAHEN AND ONKELINX EXERCISING LARGE MEASURE OF RESPONSIBILITY. DURING THE UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET ON ZAIRE, OF WHICH THE MOBUTU PLAN IS ONLY A PART, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT ONKELINX IS FULLY INVOLVED AND EXTENSIVELY CONSULTED. A BRIGHT OFFICER WHO IS FRIENDLY TO THE U.S., HE (AND CAHEN) WILL DO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-THROUGH WHEN SIMONET RETURNS TO BRUSSELS.

5. MEETING WITH SIMONET REQUESTED BY UNDER-SECRETARY COOPER TO DISCUSS MOBUTU PLAN SCHEDULED FOR 16:00 LOCAL, MAY 26. CHAMBERS  
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